

President G. W. Gordon Praises Aruba Personnel

President G. W. Gordon, whose annual inspection visit is announced on page 1, spoke this week of his satisfaction with the conduct of Aruba operations.

Since his arrival February 20 he has visited many of the departments, and has complimented the personnel on the condition of the refinery and the efficiency of operations here. After an inspection of the new office building he praised it highly, saying that he considers it the best at any refinery in the world.

During the coming week Mr. Gordon and General Manager L. G. Smith will visit the refineries in La Salina and Caripito, Venezuela.

R. P. Russell, Executive Vice President of the Standard Oil Development Company, arrived in Aruba February 25 on a short business visit.

Two divisions of the Colony Service department tangled February 17 when men from the Stewards department and the Dining Hall played a football game at the San Nicolas Juniors' field. The score: Stewards, 2 — Dining Hall, 0.

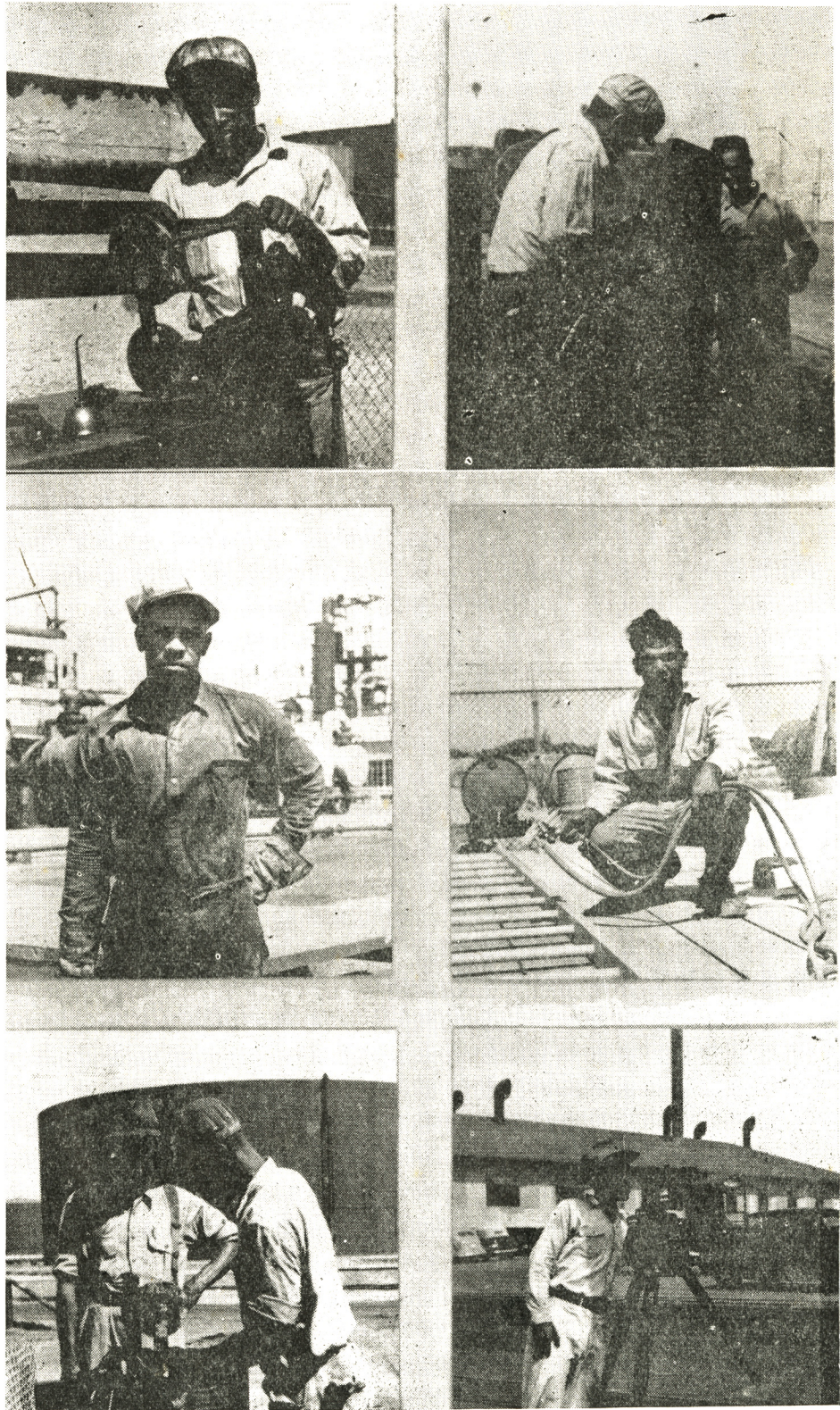
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ed to one of several dealers' warehouses in Oranjestad, where they await export by freighter.

An incidental result of the aloes industry is the scarcity of trees on the island. Many tons of wood are burned each year under the copper pots. Experts agree that there is much room for improvement in the method of producing the gum, and it has been proved that at least 20 percent of the juice available is lost each year through conditions that could be corrected.

Chemical analysis of aloes gums has shown an average aloin content of 18 to 20 percent for the variety produced in Aruba, as compared to 12 percent for other varieties, thus accounting for the preference shown in world markets for the local product. Many attempts have been made to find a chemical substitute for the properties peculiar to aloin in its major use as a cathartic, but none has yet been discovered. And Arubans hope that none ever will be found, since it would curtail the means of livelihood of families who for generations have worked in the aloes fields for a living.

Fastest of birds is the duck hawk, which has been timed from an airplane at 180 miles an hour. For flashing starts, try ESSO gasoline.

MEN AT WORK



Left to right from top to bottom: Rudolph Milan, Powerhouse; Nicolas de Kort and Lionel Asin, Boiler; Edward Fanyter, Cleanout; Leonardo Boekhoudt, Colony Service; Theodore Vanderpool and Grevendt Fermand, Powerhouse; Frans Croes, T. S. D.